



May 17, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Planning Committee

From: Eleni Tsivitz, Campus Planning
Campus Planning and Facilities Management (CPFM)

Subject: **Record** of the April 6, 2018 Campus Planning Committee Meeting

Attending: Dean Livelybrooks (chair), Selena Blick, Greg Bryant, Jane Brubaker, Hilary Gerdes, Michael Griffel, Michael Harwood, Ken Kato, Shea Northfield, Kevin Reed, Steve Robinson, Daniel Rosenberg, Amy Salmore, Cathy Soutar, Christine Thompson, Chuck Triplett

Staff: Eleni Tsivitz (Campus Planning)

Guests: Jeff Butler, Tyler Carlson, Joseph DeWitz, Tom Driscoll, Emily Eng, Kevin Farthing, Allen Gidley, Brent Harrison, Shelly Kerr, Tiffany Lundy, Gene Mowery, Patrick Mucker, Aaron Olsen, Jim Petsche, Tom Shepard, Jessica Winders

CPC Agenda:

1. University Health Center and University Counseling and Testing Center Renovation and Addition Project - Schematic Design Review

Background: Staff introduced the purpose of this agenda item and reviewed information and feedback from previous CPC meetings. Michael Griffel (project sponsor) introduced the project and Tyler Carlson (Clark Kjos Architects) reviewed elements of the site plan and proposed design that the committee has seen in previous meetings. He described the two primary open space improvements that the project is planning to undertake - the removal of the information booth and the curb extension at the corner of 13th and Agate - aimed at extending the character of 13th Avenue Axis as a pedestrian- and bike-first street.

One new, covered bike parking structure will be added along the primary facade of the building. A section of hardscape will be added on the sidewalk between the bike shelter and 13th Avenue Axis. This will help bicyclists transition from the street to the parking area avoiding conflicts in the pedestrian sidewalk leading to the front entrance. An improved, universally accessible path (without handrails) has been designed to be the desire path to the main entry and has been integrated with a raingarden and runnel which highlights one

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of the sustainable stormwater strategies employed in the building.

Two existing covered bike parking shelters serving Carson Hall will be replaced with three campus standard structures in approximately the same location. A landscape buffer will separate the bike parking from the Promenade. A number of new secure bike parking spaces for the building uses have been added and some existing car parking spaces on the site have been relocated to the peripheries of campus to reduce the number of cars driving into the campus core. Due to budget constraints, the loading dock will remain largely in its current state

Construction will be undertaken in phases – starting in the middle of July with the new slab structure. Construction will continue through Summer 2019. In order to minimize the impacts of construction on the rest of campus, staging will be concentrated on the Promenade and Beech Street.

Discussion: The following is a compilation of questions and comments from the committee members and guests:

- Separating bikes moving towards the covered bike parking area from the universal entrance to the building is good. Incorporating curb cuts to allow bikes access from 13th Avenue Axis will also be beneficial.
- Safety and distance are still concerns when considering the path of travel from the ADA parking to the UHCTC and Oregon Hall.
- Where will vehicles stop to drop-off patients at the health center?
- Consider ways to connect the waiting area to the exterior environment more directly, e.g. doors or operable windows?
- The rain garden is an excellent feature of the design.
- The connection between the existing building and the addition is elegant, discreet, and respectful.
- The design team and user group have been conscientious and responsive to feedback.
- Pitched roofs connecting to vertical surfaces could pose long-term maintenance concerns.
- It is important to include educational signage explaining sustainable design strategies.

In response to questions from committee members or guests, the project team provided the following clarifications:

- The design team explored strategies to daylight the runnel. It will be visible to passers-by until it goes under the ramp.
- The building is designed to be LEED Gold equivalent.

Action: The committee agreed unanimously that the proposed schematic design for the University Health Center and University Counseling and Testing Center Renovation and Addition Project is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the president that

it be approved subject to the following conditions:

- Continue to assess ways to improve the ADA path of travel to the UHCTC and linking to other accessible routes in the area (e.g. to Oregon Hall).
- Consider additional ways to connect the waiting room to exterior natural elements (e.g. operable windows).
- Consider incorporating signage to educate passers-by about the function of the rain garden - possibly on the interior of the waiting room.

2. Classroom and Faculty Office Building - Meeting One

Background: Staff introduced the purpose of this agenda item. She explained that a number of the Meeting One elements will be reviewed at a later date (once the site selection process has yielded a preferred site for this project). At this meeting, the committee was asked to review and comment on the proposed composition of the user group.

Jamie Moffit (VPFA and project sponsor) described the impetus for this project as described in the meeting mailing. To offset some of the University of Oregon's budget limitations, the university will aim to increase enrollment back to 2008 levels and then gradually add students in a responsible way. Infrastructure will be needed to support these new students – including general pool classroom seats and faculty offices.

The proposed Classroom and Faculty Office Building is expected to be approximately 60,000sf with about 700-750 classroom seats and about 40 faculty offices. The theme is around the intersection of environment and society, connecting the departments which will be occupying the new space: Geography, Environmental Studies, the Center for Environmental Futures, and the College of Design's School of Planning, Public Policy, and Management (including the Sustainable Cities Initiative). The site for the proposed building is not yet known. There will be a site selection process running concurrently with the programming and conceptual design phases.

The final Meeting One elements (site selection, key principles and patterns, and other campus-wide opportunities) will be reviewed at the end of the site selection process. The project will then follow the typical design sequence. The design team should be on board in early June and will start Schematic Design in about October 2018. Construction should be complete in 2021.

Gene Mowery (Owner's Representative, CPFM) presented the proposed user group composition as detailed in the meeting mailing. He explained that the building neighbor representative is currently "to be determined" because a site has not yet been selected for this building. That role will be filled once a preferred site has been identified.

Discussion: In response to questions from committee members or guests, the project team

provided the following clarifications:

- The Framework Vision Project will be the key guiding document used to identify the potential sites.
- Classrooms housed in this building will be general use classrooms.
- The Committee for Academic infrastructure will be one of the focus groups included in the process.
- Opportunities for feedback during the site selection process will be shared with the CPC when more details are known about the process.
- Members of the user group may represent more than one entity.
- The user group chair solicits information from relevant departments in recruiting students.
- The user group chair will reach out to the ASUO to determine if they desire representation in a focus group.
- Neighborhood chairs are always notified of CPC meetings and are welcome to attend and provide feedback.

Action: The committee agreed unanimously that the proposed user group composition for the Classroom and Faculty Office Building is consistent with the *Campus Plan* and recommended to the CPC chair that it be approved.

3. 15th Avenue Axis Improvements - Update

Background: Staff introduced the project and the role of the CPC in providing comments to the design team given that these improvements are part of a Track C project. She also provided an analysis of opportunities along 15th Avenue Axis based on information from the Campus Plan and the Framework Vision Project.

Jim Petsche, a private consultant working with the Hayward Field Project presented the key goals and initial design ideas for the 15th Avenue Axis improvements and indicated that there would be an announcement sharing more details about the 15th Avenue improvements and the Hayward Field Project in the coming weeks.

Petsche responded to campus-wide considerations which had been shared with the Hayward Field project in a memorandum from the CPC chair in December 2015. He stated that the east-west connection between 17th Avenue and Jane Sanders Stadium will be enhanced and may include some views into Hayward. He also stated that 15th Avenue Axis is not currently a good pedestrian connection and the desire is to improve the street for pedestrians.

The initial idea was to improve 15th Avenue from Agate to University Street, but the western project boundary was moved to Onyx Street to avoid complicated issues between Onyx Street and University Street which could not be resolved within the project's tight time frame. Car traffic on 15th Avenue Axis will be reduced. The university will assess where to replace any parking displaced by the project.

The new Hayward Field project will extend to the existing sidewalk on the north side of 15th Avenue Axis. The street will be redefined by three rows of very large trees – likely Douglas Firs. There will be a 21-foot clear pathway for traffic which will be used by pedestrians and bicycles most of the time. Truck access will be considered when designing the width of the path. Access will be controlled by hydraulic bollards at each end. Consideration will be given to the need to allow for some vehicle access, e.g. move-in or move-out day. The project team invites input about whether or not it should be a one-way street which is currently the preferred scheme. Blade signs along the improved axis will give tribute to the student athletes at Hayward Field. A series of basalt columns will separate the edge of the new Hayward Field facility from 15th Avenue.

Discussion: The following is a compilation of questions and comments from the committee members and guests:

- The core goals of the project are good.
- The Housing front desk as well as Housing's entire service component is located at Walton and is accessed from 15th Avenue Axis. In addition, 1,500 to 2,000 students live in the residence halls along 15th Avenue Axis and use 15th as a key connector between the academic core of campus and East Campus. If the project fences off the pedestrian sidewalk (on the north side of 15th) and work is set to begin in early July, it will be difficult for these groups to access their buildings, to service the facilities, and to provide connectivity across campus.
- In addition to accommodating students during the academic year, the residence halls are used as conference facilities throughout the summer. All of these events require service access and vehicular access for move-in and move-out.
- After the project is complete will service access from 15th Avenue to the residence halls be maintained?
- Maintaining access for emergency vehicles along 15th Avenue Axis is critical particularly because it is a fire access route. Fire trucks access 15th from the station on Agate Street. Would the proposed hydraulic bollards impede immediate access in the case of an emergency response?
- Carefully consider ADA access needs along the length of 15th Avenue Axis including ADA routes and parking accommodation.
- How will the triple allee of tall Douglas Firs impact solar access to the rooms inside the residence halls and the solar panels on the roof of the Living Learning Center?
- While this is an entrance to 15th Avenue and to Hayward Field, the Agate and 15th intersection is also an entrance to the University. Consider limiting the blade signs to the entrance to Hayward Field rather than extending them the length of 15th Avenue Axis.
- The CPC Chair expressed appreciation for the positive response to the 2015 CPC Chair's memorandum on the subject of Hayward Field.

In response to questions from committee members or guests, the project team provided the following clarifications:

- The team will work to maintain access and connectivity along 15th Avenue Axis during

construction for as long as possible. At some point the sidewalk on the north side of the street will need to be removed and replaced - the goal is to achieve this during the first summer of construction while many of the students are not on campus.

- Plans for the project are not currently available, but will likely be available for this project and for the Hayward Field portion of the project within the next three weeks.
- The walls and fencing on the north side of the recreation fields will not be affected by this project although a new transformer will be added in that general vicinity.
- The plaza experience will begin at the northeastern corner of the Agate and 15th Intersection. The hydraulic bollards will be set back, slightly west of the intersection to avoid impacting traffic along Agate Street.
- The improved pedestrian experience along Agate Street will extend south to 17th Avenue. The pedestrian sidewalks and the gateway at the Agate and 15th Avenue intersections will be improved and pedestrian access along Agate Street will be maintained.

Action: No formal action was requested. The committee's comments will be forwarded to the project team.

Please contact this office if you have questions.

